

MS/AB English MP 1 Exam

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Period 3**

VOCABULARY

Directions: Review each of your vocabulary words and their definitions. Then on the lines below use 10 of your thirty vocabulary words to write a well-written sentence using each word correctly as well as reflecting that you have a concrete meaning to what the word means.

- 1. _____

- 2. _____

- 3. _____

- 4. _____

- 5. _____

- 6. _____

- 7. _____

- 8. _____

- 9. _____

- 10. _____

READING PASSAGE

Directions: Read the stories below and answer the questions that follow.

Fishing with Grandpa Leon
By Stan Lee

Ronan was beside himself with excitement. He was ten years old and his Grandpa Leon was finally going to take him fishing. Grandpa Leon claimed to be “a fishing expert, practically a professional angler.” He told Ronan that he’d caught giant marlin and huge tuna, and that he had many adventurous stories to tell. He promised he’d supply all the fishing gear: rods, reels, hooks, bait, buckets, and plenty of food, too. All Ronan had to do was to be ready promptly at 6 AM.

As it happened, it was good Grandpa Leon brought plenty of food because grandfather and grandson had plenty of time to eat it. The fish simply weren't biting. "They're napping," he informed Ronan, knowingly.

No nibbles left plenty of time for Grandpa Leon's elaborate fish stories. In fact, it was during one of those tall tales that Ronan suddenly felt a sharp tug on his line. "I've got something really huge!" he shouted.

"Hold tight, I'll help," Grandpa Leon replied, reaching over and grabbing the rod. Together, they tugged on the line that held what promised to be a colossal, prize-winning fish. Finally, they reeled in their catch—a tattered leather suitcase, heavy with sand.

"How about that, Ronan—the first suitcase of the day!" Grandpa Leon exclaimed, adding, "You can't say it wasn't a big catch."

Directions: Circle the best answer.

1. Which best describes what anglers do?

a. They tell stories.

c. They fish with rods and reels.

b. They draw angles.

d. They supply food.

2. Which best describes Grandpa Leon?

a. He is confident and cheerful.

c. He doesn't like to joke around.

b. He is very famous.

d. He is cranky and strict.

3. What was surprising about Grandpa Leon's reaction to catching a suitcase?

The Record Setter
By Susan Summers

My brother, Alex, is generally considered to be a reliable, clever, thoughtful fellow. I say "generally" because of things like what he's doing right now.

Picture this and you'll understand. While I, Nate, sit here playing a video game and texting with half my friends—two perfectly normal things to be doing for amusement—what is he occupied with? Alex is standing over there,

counting softly to himself 79, 80, 81, 82. . .while he repeatedly bats a rubber ball attached by an elastic string to a wooden paddle. This is nonsensical behavior, is it not?

You might think I'm being too hard on Alex, as brothers sometimes can be to one another. On the contrary, I'm being lenient. You see, this time it's paddle-ball batting, but the last time—and I refer to just a few weeks ago—the challenge was standing on his head for as long as he could, with a timer set up on the rug.

Of course, he had to read it upside down, but I suppose he got better at it day by day.

Maybe he should've put the timer upside down, too.

Frankly, I'm getting a bit concerned. What if one of his goofy pals introduces him to alligator wrestling?

Or what if he gets enticed to take up tightrope walking from skyscraper to skyscraper?

I tell you, for Alex, these ideas are not too far-fetched!

1. To amuse himself, Nate likes to

a. wrestle alligators

b. play table tennis

c. play video games

d. praise his brother

2. Which is a synonym for lenient?

a. easygoing

b. critical

c. loving

d. harsh

3. Imagine Alex describing Nate. How might the story be different?

SHORT RESPONSE QUESTIONS

Directions: Answer the following questions from our class readings.

THE TELL TALE HEART

1. Do you agree with the narrator that he is not insane? Why or why not? Use details from the story to support your response.

THE MOST DANGEROUS GAME

2. What do you think Rainsford is going to find or discover once he makes it to land he is swimming towards? Use details from the reading to support your prediction.

MY NAME IS ARAM

3. After reading this story, what would you do if you were Aram? Would you protect Arak or report his crime? Please explain your choice in 2-3 sentences.

EXTENDED RESPONSE-SENSORY DETAILS

Sensory Details are details written that appeal to one or more of our five senses. Reviewing our class readings, which selection do you believe the author relied on sensory details the most? Be sure to use details from the text to support your response, which must be at least 1-2 paragraphs in length.
